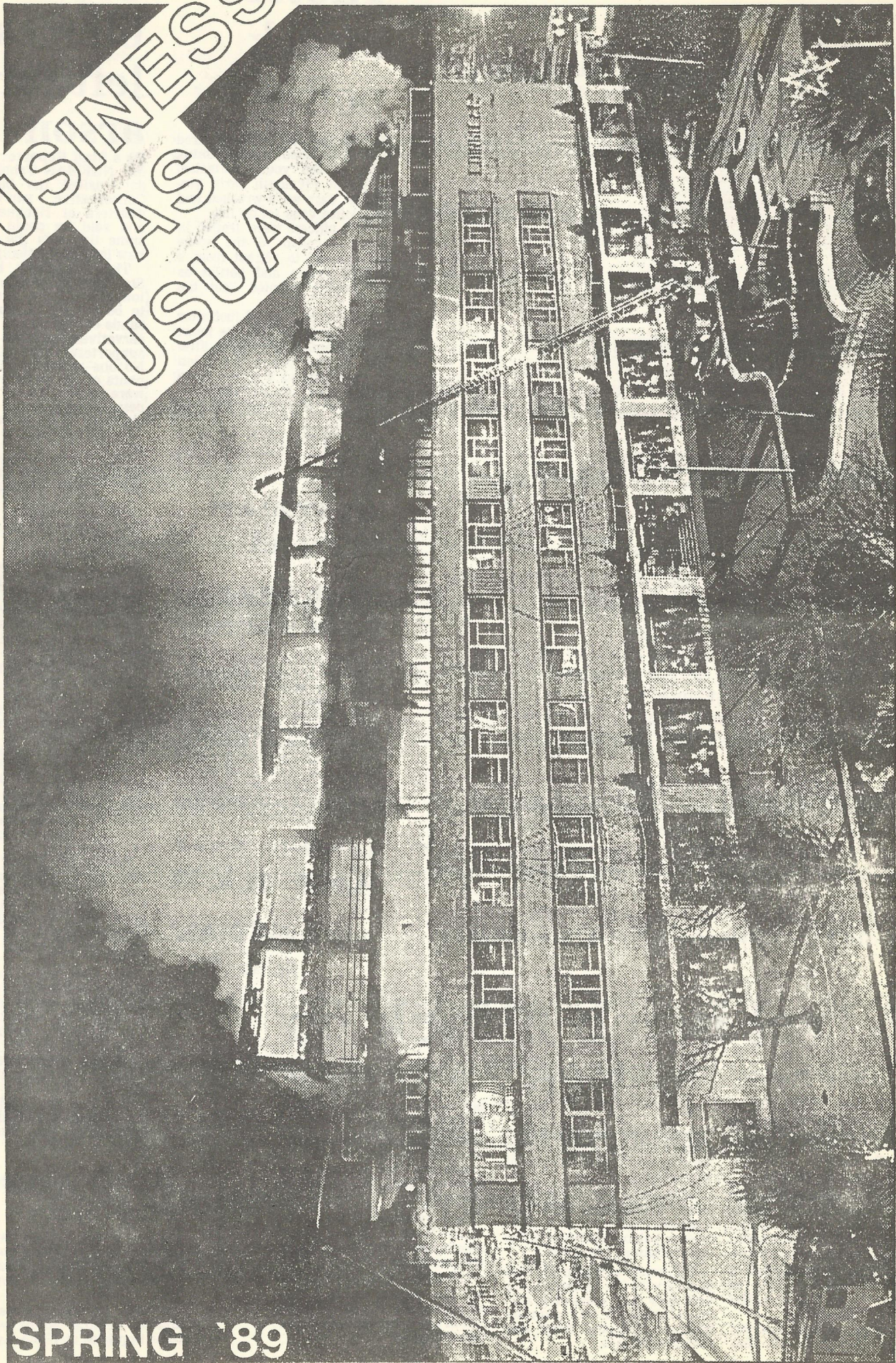


# BUSINESS AS USUAL

SPRING '89



Firefighters battle to control the blaze which wrecked Dingles, the House of Fraser store in Plymouth, on Monday night. Animal activists have claimed responsibility

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24th APRIL, 1987-LINCOLNSHIRE

Security office at site in Fulbeck which was being considered for the dumping of nuclear waste was burnt down.

3rd JUNE, 1987-LONDON

Conservative Party Headquarters in Stoke Newington was totally destroyed by fire.

4th AUGUST, 1987-LONDON

UBO Office in Palmers Green was set on fire. Furniture, filing cabinets and carpets were damaged.

6th OCTOBER, 1987-NORFOLK

Four petrol bombs thrown at Police Station in Hunstanton.

11th DECEMBER, 1987-MIDDLESEX

6 windows smashed at Brunel University Animal House. Locks were glued and slogans were sprayed. Approximately £1,200 damage caused.

19th DECEMBER 1987-MANCHESTER

Incendiary device ignites in the Kendal Milne store in Deansgate, causing £50,000 damage.

19th DECEMBER 1987-LIVERPOOL

Incendiary devices ignited in Lewis' Dept store, causing £20,000 damage.

21st DECEMBER 1987-LONDON

An incendiary device ignited in Harrods dept store causing minor damage. The above three actions were carried out by the Animal Liberation Front because the stores were selling fur coats.

26th DECEMBER, 1987-LONDON

Tottenham Magistrates Court set ablaze. £10,000 worth of damage caused. Local CID said "So many people have grievances against Tottenham Court. It could have been anyone". This was the second arson attack upon the Court in a year. Nearby Wood Green Court had also been attacked on two occasions.

## Petrol bomb attack on police

by Peter Wilson  
and Red Williams

AN ARSONIST hurled a suspected petrol bomb into a busy London police station today.

The station at Lavender Hill and the neighbouring South Western Magistrates' Court were evacuated as thick black smoke spread from the blaze.

The drama began when a respectably-dressed man in his late 30s walked into the station's front office.

The duty officer noticed that he was about 6ft tall,

bearded and wearing a suit. With a sudden shout of "Oil", he allegedly threw an object at the counter.

A Scotland Yard spokesman said: "The counter went up in a sheet of flames. It may have been a petrol bomb but we're not certain at this stage."

Officers contained the flames with fire extinguishers and only one constable suffered injury. He was taken to hospital suffering from the effects of smoke.

The Yard spokesman said: "The station received extensive smoke damage and had to be evacuated."

The magistrates court next door to the station was also evacuated but people were allowed back in after 15 minutes.

One eyewitness, journalist Anne Baxter, said: "Black smoke was pouring out of the windows of the station."

"An officer was trying to put out the flames using a fire extinguisher. People poured out of the court and the street was filling up."

## Rioters attack police

EIGHT people were injured and 10 arrested after a rioting mob of 250 youths attacked police in Plymouth early yesterday. Cars were wrecked and two police vans set on fire.

Sixty officers were drafted in after 11 called to the scene were forced to retreat from a hail of stones and bottles as the youths chanted "get the pigs."

The trouble started just after 2am in Union Street, the heart of Plymouth's clubland. Firemen needed police protection as they tackled the two overturned vans, one of which belonged to the Royal Marines Police.

In Torquay, police made 12 arrests after a disturbance at a pub.

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## Bomb attack on police station

KENT police were today hunting for two men who hurled a petrol bomb at a police station.

The bomb was thrown at the station on the main A227 road at Meopham last night, but fell short and set fire to a panda car parked outside. Several officers ran out of the station but the attackers had fled towards London.

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## Tebbit blames left for arson

By a Staff Reporter  
MR NORMAN Tebbit yesterday visited the 'burned-out' Conservative party headquarters at Hackney North and said he could only assume this was the way the new left fought elections.

The four-storey house in Stamford Hill, Stoke Newington, North London, was seen to be on fire at 3am. Thousands of leaflets and the Conservatives' registers of their supporters were destroyed. No one was hurt. The occupants of the house next door were evacuated. Traces of petrol were found on the staircase. Police said they were treating the fire as arson.

Mr. Tebbit, who came to see the damage at lunchtime, said: "Well, if that's what the evidence points to it's a very sad moment to find that politics has got down to arson."

Did he think it was the work of his political opponents? "I don't think it's the work of my political friends. One can only assume that if it is arson it was an outrage perpetrated by the extreme left."

"I don't know whether by members of the Labour Party, or members of Militant, or the SWP (Socialist Workers' Party), or anything else. But what I do know is that all of us in democratic parties would deplore this sort of thing. I'm sure that Mr. Kinnock would deplore this extremely vigorously. I recollect his vigorous denunciation of the violence during the coal strike."

Earlier Mr. Oliver Letwin, the Conservative candidate, said he did not think the fire was the work of any of the main political parties. But there were a lot of lunatics around in Hackney — "the fringe of a fringe."

The Hackney North and Stoke Newington constituency Labour Party expressed its sympathy with the local Conservative Association.

Mr. Bryan Gould, Labour's campaign co-ordinator, said: "Everyone condemns this terrible act. If Norman Tebbit has any evidence for his wild claims he should go immediately to the police."

## Bomb attack on police

FOUR petrol bombs were thrown at the Hunstanton police station in Norfolk, early today, damaging brickwork and a window.

A man has been arrested and is helping police with their inquiries at Kings Lynn

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## Fire raids on nuclear dump site

By Susan Tirbutt

Ministry of Defence police are investigating a series of arson attacks over the Easter weekend at the site of a proposed nuclear waste dump in Lincolnshire.

The first fire, in a heap of old tyres at the Fulbeck aerodrome near Newark, was discovered on Good Friday. It was followed by three more on Easter Monday. Two were in scrubland and a third destroyed a Portakabin.

A telegraph pole carrying telephone lines to the main compound on the site was chopped down.

The site, one of four proposed for low-level nuclear waste, is being test drilled by Nirex, the government nuclear waste disposal agency.

The disused airfield, used as a Lancaster bomber base during the second world war, has no secure perimeter. It has been turned into farmland used occasionally by the army for training exercises.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said yesterday that its police would be considering whether the airfield should be made more secure. "It depends whether there is anything left to damage," he said. "There are just a few old tyres."

The base was visited last week by Mrs Angela Rippon, the broadcaster, and Mr Ray Buckton, the trade union leader. They are the independent members of the Nirex board.

Nobody had claimed responsibility for the attacks and a spokesman for the leading anti-nuclear protest groups said they had heard nothing about them.

A local action group reacted angrily to the arson attacks.

Mr Julian Fane, chairman of LAND (Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Against Nuclear Dumping) said: "It is absolutely horrifying. As far as LAND is concerned, we think someone has done this to discredit us."

"This is not going to win our argument — it has put us back over a year."

### POLICE CAR HIT

Vandals who jumped on the bonnet and roof of a police Vauxhall Astra at Tilehurst, Reading. Berks, caused about £500 in damage.

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31st JANUARY, 1988-ESSEX

Epping Magistrates Court set on fire.

Extensive damage caused to the ground floor.

Claimed by 'Angry Brigade'.

17th FEBRUARY, 1988-LONDON

South Norwood Police Station petrol bombed.

2 Cops overcome by fumes whilst fighting blaze.

MARCH, 1988-LONDON

Squatters defend their homes against bailiffs and cops. Stamford Hill Estate in North London was barricaded and defended for two days. Meanwhile squatters shopped, cleaned and managed the Estate whilst continuing to enjoy the support of council tenants also living on Stamford Hill.

APRIL, 1988-LANCASHIRE

Cats rescued from disgusting conditions in Moston, Manchester.

APRIL, 1988-STAFFORDSHIRE

£1,200 damage caused to Bickertons Butchers in London Road, Chesterton. Windows smashed.

APRIL 1988-LONDON

An incendiary device left in Harrods Dept. store, by ALF, ignited causing slight damage.

1st MAY, 1988-PERTH

Prisoners at Perth Prison hold protest and hold warder hostage for 17 hours.

MAY, 1988-AVON

In Bristol a fur shop was paint bombed. Ten other shops, also involved in animal abuse had their locks glued.

3rd MAY, 1988-WILTSHIRE

Wessex Freedom Force plant 2 incendiary devices on an exclusive yuppie housing estate being built in Weston. Another device was put in the cab of an earth digger on a site at nearby Bulkington.

9th MAY 1988-LIVERPOOL, SHREWSBURY & LLANGFAI

Meibon Glyndwr (Sons of Glyndwr) set ablaze four estate agents in the above towns. The property speculators had been selling houses in villages to wealthy city capitalists at the highest prices, preventing local people from being able to have a home in their own community.

MAY, 1988-HERTFORDSHIRE

The Wimpy Burger Bar in Lynton Parade, Cheshunt, had two large windows treated with glass etching fluid. In Enfield, the Enfield and St. Albans Co-op Society Unity Store was attacked twice, causing over £5,000 damage on both occasions.

15th MAY, 1988-CHESHIRE

Two petrol bombs thrown into Risley Police Station.

MAY, 1988-LANCASHIRE

A fishing tackle shop in Manchester had two of its windows smashed.

MAY 1988-SUSSEX

In Hastings, the windows of McDonalds were splashed with etching fluid, causing £3,500 damage. The nearby Old Town Butchers and Kentucky Fried Chicken were also attacked with etching fluid causing £600 damage each.

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## ARSON CLAIM

ANIMAL Liberation Front activists have admitted responsibility for setting fire to a meat van, causing £2,000 damage, in an alley off Dale Street, Lancaster, in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

In an anonymous phone call to the Guardian on Thursday morning, the ALF claimed they burned the van "to draw attention to the unnecessary slaughter of animals."

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GUARDIAN  
5.2.88

## 'Bomber' hits cops

A PETROL bomber who blitzed a police station was being hunted by detectives last night.

Two officers were overcome by fumes as they fought the blaze at South Norwood, South London.

The fire bomb was thrown by a teenager.

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### Police face 'slow riot'

Increasing violence against the police constitutes a "slow riot", the West Midlands Chief Constable, Mr Geoffrey Dear, said yesterday. He was speaking after one of his officers was attacked and wounded by a man armed with a 12-inch butcher's knife. Mr Dear told members of the local Police Authority that the incident was another sad example of today's violent society.

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20.2.88

## Police assaulted 'every half-hour'

Attacks on police reached such a high level last year that there was an assault taking place every half-hour, according to the magazine Police Review. It was the worst year for assaults since 1981.

In Strathclyde, there was one attack for every 2.57 officers. Central Scotland came second, with one assault for every 3.97.

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# YUPPIE-HATERS SMASH POSH CARS

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20th MAY, 1988-BERKSHIRE

Merc's, BMW's, Porches belonging to yuppie scum were smashed up in Newbury. Tens of thousands of £'s damaged.

25th MAY, 1988-WILTSHIRE

30 prisoners surround officers hut at Rollestone army camp, Salisbury Plain, camp opened as prison in April to ease prison overcrowding. Ten other prisoners began smashing windows and throwing mattresses at fence.

MAY, 1988-SOUTH GLAMORGAN

Farmer fought off bailiffs with chainsaw who wanted to evict him and his family from their house in Llandough, where his family have lived for the past 400 years. BP (oil giants) claim land is theirs and want to develop luxury housing on it.

MAY/JUNE, 1988-DORSET

13 butchers shops in Weymouth were daubed with paint and had their windows smashed,

MAY/JUNE, 1988-SCOTLAND

In Paisley two butchers were 'daubed with paint (one twice), three vans paintstripped and another three paintbombed one week later. Also the roof of a bacon supplier was damaged.

JUNE, 1988-DEVON

Two wildcats were liberated from Dartmoor Wildlife Park and returned to their natural habitat in the wild. (They were checked by a sympathetic vet before release).

JUNE, 1988-LONDON

Bejam's in Greenford had to withdraw all its frozen prawns following a call from the ALF saying they'd been contaminated with cyanide.

JUNE, 1988-KENT

Peter Sowinski, vet for the Institute of Psychiatry's vivisection lab at the Royal Bethlem Hospital in Beckenham had paint daubed over his home in Shooter's Hill. At the same time slogans were painted over Farrington School in Chislehurst and two of its minibuses were damaged because it buys rats from the Institute to dissect. Three months earlier the ALF had broken into the lab and recovered documents with a large number of names and addresses.

JUNE, 1988-SOUTH SHIELDS

A brick was thrown through a butcher's window in Chichester.

JUNE, 1988-CHESHIRE

The lock of 'Angler's Den' in Runcorn was glued up to mark National Anti-Angling Day.

JUNE, 1988-WILTSHIRE

Butchers shops and a meat wholesaler in Swindon were daubed with paint and had their locks glued. Also boards advertising a circus were torn down.

JUNE, 1988-YORKSHIRE

Grange Fur Farm in Ovenden Wood, Halifax, was broken into and ten foxes liberated. They are now in caring homes.

A GANG left a trail of damage when they launched an attack on Yuppies' expensive cars across two counties.

The vandals, apparently jealous of high-earning young business people, chose Mercedes, BMW and Porsche models as their targets.

They struck at night, SMASHING the windscreens and BASHING the bodywork of cars parked in the driveways of homes throughout Newbury in Berkshire.

The wreckers carried on their rampage across the county border at Ashmansworth and St Mary Bourne in Hampshire.

Many of the damaged cars are in the £30,000-plus range.

The bill for repairs will run into tens of thousand of pounds.

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20.5.88

## Gaoled Pcs stoned on arrival at new prison

TWO POLICE officers gaoled last week for falsifying evidence were yesterday stoned by inmates when they arrived at Ford open prison, near Arundel, Sussex.

They have been transferred to Lewes Prison, a secure gaol, until arrangements are made for them to serve their sentences elsewhere.

A crowd of prisoners gathered as the two officers, Pc Richard Lane, 31, and Pc David Fardell, 22, arrived at Ford from London

Lane, a policeman for 13 years, was given a nine-month sentence with six months suspended, and Fardell, who had been in the Metropolitan force for three years, received a six-month sentence with four months suspended.

The court heard that Lane became a born-again Christian and confessed to a senior officer that they had falsified evidence against a youth and a man on driving charges.

They pleaded guilty to perverting the course of justice.

After a hard days slog at your workplace, or a long wait at the DHSS/Dole, or several hours handing out leaflets on street corners, its nice to get home (if you have one) put your feet up (if you're lucky enough to have the time), and read about the damage and destruction of property owned by the people who keep us in this shit.

WESTERN  
MAIL  
25.5.88

## Siege riot in army prison

A MOB of prisoners surrounded soldiers in a protest riot at Britain's first jail staffed by the Army.

Police were called to ring the perimeter fence as 30 of the 300 inmates gathered outside an office hut at Rollestone army camp on Salisbury Plain.

Ten others began smashing windows, damaging a toilet hut and throwing mattresses at the fence.

Order was eventually restored when the civilian governor appealed for calm, promising to hear the prisoners' complaints.

Rollestone was opened as a prison in April to ease chronic overcrowding in Britain's jails.

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## FIREBUG ATTACK

A FIREBUG hurled two petrol bombs at a police station at Risley, Cheshire, in what officers believe may be part of a vendetta.

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#### 5th JULY, 1988-SUNDERLAND

Riot at Haverigg prison, Sunderland. 26 prisoners escape. 28 buildings destroyed by fire. Prison officers were pelted with tins of pilchards looted from the kitchen. Weightlifting bars used to prise loose high security fencing

#### 11th JULY, 1988-BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

16 remand prisoners held at Amersham police station, Bucks, barricaded themselves in cells, holding out for 5 hours. Inspector, sergeant and constable taken to hospital for injuries, including broken arm and head wounds.

#### 17th JULY, 1988-DONCASTER

Riot at Lindholme prison, near Doncaster. 6 prisoners escape, six of prisons 7 blocks damaged, windows smashed and buildings set alight.

#### JULY, 1988-CAMBRIDGESHIRE

A vet abandoned his plan to build a £500,000 centre to breed beagles for vivisection because he feared an ALF raid.

#### JULY, 1988-HERTFORDSHIRE

Baker's End Farm, Ware, had four vans treated with etching fluid and paintstripper because they were involved in the meat trade

#### JULY, 1988-SURREY

Dr Frederick Brown and John Scarnell, both employees of Wellcome Research, one of the country's biggest vivisectioners, had their homes and cars attacked with red paint and paintstripper.

#### JULY, 1988-SURREY

A stone was thrown through the window of 'The Crown' pub, Westcott, because the owner, Paul Davies, is a member of the Surrey Union Hunt.

#### 20th JULY, 1988-AIRDRIE

Longriggend prison near Airdrie, prisoners stage rooftop protest, slates thrown at prison officers, prison chapel damaged.

#### 22nd JULY, 1988-LONDON

Dr Richard West, Dean of St George's Hospital, Tooting, surgeon Prof John Hermon-Taylor, and an unidentified Doctor, all had their homes and cars daubed with paint, locks glued, tyres slashed etc, because of their involvement in animal experiments.

#### JULY, 1988-KENT

Crayford Stadium had to be evacuated during a greyhound meeting after a hoax incendiary device call to the local fire brigade.

Previous attempts to produce records of attacks against injustice (eg the Diary of Actions, by the ALF Supporters Group) have met with police investigations and the manipulation of the law to crush the publication of so called 'inciting material'. Not only are our 'rulers' frightened by the determination of struggling peoples, but they are wrong to assume that it

## Heavy metal rocked gaolhouse after pilchard-tin barrage

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Erland Clouston

**P**RISONERS used weightlifting bars to prise loose the high security fence round Haverigg Prison, according to Mr Harry Dixon, one of a team of contractors working on the prison site. Mr Dixon said the 25 escapers had used the bars to separate the high tensile steel mesh from its concrete base.

"It was a good crack, I can tell you," said Mr Dixon, who watched the events of Sunday night and Monday morning behind the safety of the fence surrounding a new sports compound. "I went to the pub for a pint and then came back to watch. They were rushing around shouting 'Here we go, here we go'."

"They saw us watching and called out 'Irish bastards'. We didn't mind, really. It's all more work for us."

When police needed a safe compound to hold the prisoners who had not rioted, Mr Dixon cut a hole for them in the fence that surrounds the prison rugby pitch.

"I stayed till about 2am. They were still running wild then. But they never touched the prison chapel."

Mr Dixon claimed that he had seen trouble brewing earlier that day. "Windows were being broken at 10am."

The height of the violence came at about 1am when some 120 prisoners came face to face with 18 prison officers.

"They started to shower us with large tins of pilchards looted from the kitchen," said one officer. "I was shit scared. It was dark, and those tins are heavy. We held firm, however, and they lost their nerve."

Inmates had tried to disguise themselves by adopting London accents and pulling pillowcases over their heads, the officer said, but he added: "We could see who they were when they pulled up the pillowcases to light their cigarettes."

The officer denied that Haverigg was a hard prison. "They've got videos, TV, plenty of exercise, and they take baths when they like."

"The biggest problems are the Liverpool and Geordie gangs. The prison nearly went up after the Cup Final because the Geordies were walking around scratching 'Wombles 1, Liverpool 0' everywhere."

## New mass breakout at riot prison

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6.7.88.

ABOUT 12 inmates were believed to have escaped last night after a disturbance at Lindholme Prison, South Yorkshire — the second such incident at the gaol in six weeks.

Police called to the two-hour disturbance discovered that a group of prisoners had got out through a hole in the perimeter fence. The exact number will not be known until a roll call at Lindholme, a low-security prison with nearly 800 inmates.

The rioters damaged prison buildings and broke into the hospital before prison officers controlled them.

On July 16, six prisoners escaped from Lindholme after a riot during which buildings were burned and smashed. All but two were quickly recaptured.

25.8.88.

takes the influence of the written word to drive people to acts of defiance. The State will try to understand and interpret our actions and aims. They never will. Our personally motivated expressions of anger can only be lived; they can never be understood by the perpetrators of our oppression.

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#### JULY, 1988-WARWICKSHIRE

The Midlands Animal Liberation Group released rabbits from cages at Avon Farm, Barton, and also took video film.

#### AUGUST, 1988-HERTFORDSHIRE

A hoax firebomb call to the Benetton clothes shop in the Maltings, St Albans, resulted in the shopping centre being evacuated for 1½ hours.

#### 14th AUGUST, 1988-LEICESTERSHIRE

Prisoners riot at Ashwell prison, Leics, for 6 hours. Windows and furniture smashed.

#### 16th AUGUST, 1988-OXFORDSHIRE & BERKSHIRE

£2,000 damage done to yuppies cars in Compton, Oxfordshire, and East Ilsley, Berkshire, AUGUST, 1988-AVON

A 25-foot fence was wrenched up to free pheasants from their pens at the Manor, Coombe Hay, Bath, and the letters 'ALF' daubed with white paint on the pen walls.

#### AUGUST, 1988-BERKSHIRE

In Maidenhead a 'bomb' was planted under the car of William Sperry, Managing Director of Costain Construction, a firm that recently built a laboratory for Glaxo, a company which conducts cruel experiments on animals. A warning was given and it never exploded. The Animal Defence League claimed responsibility.

#### AUGUST, 1988-BERKSHIRE

A packing shed belonging to Bell Farm Poulterers in Wexham, near Slough, was set alight. The fire was extinguished before it could do much damage

#### AUGUST, 1988-ESSEX

£50,000 damage was caused to Portakabin Building Systems of Botany Rd, Purfleet, by five incendiary devices which destroyed two portakabins and severely damaged two others. This firm was attacked because it had hired out its portable offices to Glaxo when their new laboratory was being built in Ware, Herts.

#### AUGUST, 1988-LANCASHIRE

Burger bars were attacked in Rochdale, Leigh and West Yorkshire. Damage to the McDonald's in Rochdale estimated at £3,500, and at the nearby Wimpy, which had opened just five days earlier, £800.

#### AUGUST, 1988-LONDON

The ALF planted an incendiary device in Selfridges dept store because they sell fur.

#### AUGUST, 1988-SCOTLAND

Meat at a Presto supermarket in Glasgow was contaminated and seven animal abuse shops had their windows broken (Boots, fur, butchers etc).

#### AUGUST, 1988-WEST MIDLANDS

The ALF damaged a window and a van belonging to a butchers in Coventry.

#### AUGUST, 1988-WILTSHIRE

Two lorries at Bill Giles Meat Factory at Pocklington, near York, had sugar put in their petrol tanks and their locks glued.

# Met gags ALF's targets

**A special unit at Scotland Yard has issued instructions to the West End's big department stores to hush up the firebombing activities of the Animal Liberation Front. SEAN O'NEILL reports.**

#### ■ CL WAS TOLD OF THE POLICE

unit's orders by the security chief of a big shop chain in the wake of a claim by the ALF that there was a conspiracy to deny media coverage to its protests against the fur trade.

The ALF, in a lengthy statement sent to CL under the codename Silver Fox, said that its latest action had been at Selfridge's where, it claimed, a device had been planted last month, timed to ignite at 1am on August 18, setting off the store's sprinkler system.

Neither Scotland Yard nor the Fire Brigade were able to confirm whether or not the attack had taken place. But the ALF boasted: 'We have a sympathiser working at one of the leading West End stores and we know that our latest attacks caused considerable disruption to Selfridge's business.'

Selfridge's security department refused to comment, either to confirm or deny whether the incident took place, and a spokesperson declined to discuss the turnover of the fur department or the amount of money spent on security. Coincidentally, the store's fur department is presently closed 'pending refurbishment and enlargement'.

But at Sears, Selfridge's parent company, head of security Commander W H Hucklesby, a former Scotland Yard officer, revealed that the store's responses to queries about the ALF were being controlled by the Special Branch.

'There is a special department at Scotland Yard to deal with this, who have given instructions on what should be said and what should not be said,' Hucklesby told CL.

He also dismissed Scotland Yard's official comment — that there had been no reports of ALF activity since December — as 'nonsense'.

'They have been planting bombs all through Oxford Street for years now and they have been very active recently,' said Hucklesby. But he refused to comment specifically on ALF claims about the Selfridge's attack. 'It would be very silly of us to go against what the police want us to do,' he added.

Special Branch refused to comment and asked CL to accept the statement already made by Scotland Yard.

The silence over the Selfridge's incident appears to confirm ALF suspicions that 'the big department stores and the police conspire to limit media coverage of our activities'.

The ALF claimed in its statement that the big stores are determined to prevent the public from discovering the extent of its activity and being

frightened into shopping elsewhere.

The organisation stressed that its devices are aimed not at the public, but at 'economic sabotage' of the fur trade. The Selfridge's device, was, it said, its 42nd incendiary attack in four years; all of them timed to ignite at night when there are no customers.

The authorities' attitude to the ALF activity was revealed at the Old Bailey trial in June of Geoff Sheppard and Andrew Clarke (CL 351), convicted of firebombing three branches of Debenhams. At the trial, a Home Office forensic scientist, Linda Jones, said she was fully employed working on ALF-related incidents and had examined more than 100 incendiary devices in the last three or four years.

One attack by Sheppard and Clarke, on the Debenhams branch in Harrow during July 1987, was reported as having caused 'minor damage' but, in court, the attack was said to have cost the store £500,000.

Debenhams announced in March it was phasing out the sale of furs at all its stores. The official reason was a lack of consumer demand, which Debenhams saw as a national trend.

That view is backed by the anti-fur trade campaign Lynx, which claims credit for educating the public not to buy furs. But Lynx admitted to CL that the activities of the ALF were causing the big stores concern.

When Lynx inquired about a letter it had sent to Harrods — signed by Joanna Lumley, David Bellamy and the Aga Khan and asking 'the top peoples' store' to close its fur department — it was told that the letter had been passed to Harrods' solicitors.

Such heavy-handed reaction to non-violent protest is likely to inspire the ALF, which estimates that its attacks have caused £20 million in damages and says it is aiming to cause another £10 million damage to stores 'by the end of 1989'.

The organisation says it has adopted new tactics, learning from earlier mistakes, 'to stretch the stores' security still further'.

**CITY LIMITS**  
**8-15.9.88**

## Yuppie targets

**YUPPIE bashers have wrecked luxury cars in two commuter villages. Over £2,000 damage was done to BMWs, Mercedes, Golf GTIs and Volvos in Compton and East Ilsley.**

**D. MIRROR**  
**16.8.88**

SEPTEMBER, 1988-HUMBERSIDE

A hole was cut in an animal compound in East Park, Hull, allowing two chickens to escape.

SEPTEMBER, 1988-LANCASHIRE

Paint daubed on Bolton shops involved in animal exploitation, eg butchers, fur, leather etc.

SEPTEMBER, 1988-MERSEYSIDE

Five large windows of McDonald's in Lord St, Liverpool, etched.

13th NOVEMBER, 1988-LIVERPOOL

Soldier of Fortune Bookshop was destroyed by an arson attack. The bookshop sold fascist literature and was involved in supplying funds to Loyalist paramilitary groups in Northern Ireland.

15th NOVEMBER, 1988-MERSEYSIDE

McDonald's in Southport had eight large windows smashed. McDonald's in Crosby, Liverpool had two large windows and both glass doors smashed. Kentucky Fried Chicken in Walton, Liverpool had one large window and two glass panels on its door smashed.

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# Yuppie-haters set fire to luxury flats

OCTOBER, 1988-YORKSHIRE

Slogans were daubed on three butchers shops in Pickering and a fashion shop that sold fur had its window smashed and the slogan 'Furs-Cruelty or Beauty' sprayed nearby.

5th OCTOBER, 1988-LONDON

Seven delivery vans belonging to Russell's Meat Company in Drayton Park were attacked with paintstripper.

13th OCTOBER, 1988-LONDON

Jacques Fur Shop in Highgate had its front window smashed.

16th OCTOBER, 1988-SHROPSHIRE

To mark World Anti-McDonald's Day, the branch in Shrewsbury was devastated by fire after an incendiary device was placed there.

OCTOBER, 1988-LONDON

Window of a butcher's shop in Hackney smashed.

SEPTEMBER, 1988-SOMERSET

Santus Circus attacked by the ALF in Bridgwater. Paint sprayed on the big top, three caravans, the box office and six circus lorries, and six cars damaged with paintstripper. Damage estimated at £5,000.

7th SEPTEMBER, 1988-WEST MIDLANDS

Butchers in Quinton, Birmingham, attacked for the fourth time. Its windows and doors were destroyed and it has since closed down. The same night a butchers in Harborne was attacked for the second time and had its windows destroyed and a butchers in Hall Green also had its windows smashed.

SEPTEMBER, 1988-SURREY

Homes and cars of two researchers working for Beechams were redecorated with paint

SEPTEMBER, 1988-YORKSHIRE

Bill Giles meat factory attacked again. The whole building was daubed with paint.

**GANGS** of Yuppie-hating anarchists are behind a spate of arson attacks on luxury flats in booming property areas, say police.

The fire-raisers have caused £1 million worth of damage in London's fashionable docklands district—home of many well-off young professionals who work in the City.

Now police are considering setting up a specialist detective squad to track down the

**EXCLUSIVE**  
By JOHN TWOMEY

arsonists before someone is killed.

The latest attack wrecked a £250,000 penthouse flat in Rotherhithe, South London, where luxury riverside apartments are being built next to run-down council estates.

Inflammable liquid was poured on to a rag, set alight and then thrown into the unoccupied building which was destroyed by the blaze.

Detectives called in to investigate discovered a

similar attempt had been made to burn down a neighbouring penthouse under construction.

Detectives hunting the arsonists are checking top secret Scotland Yard files on anarchists living in London.

Detectives in the area are already investigating two other fires in luxury flats. Properties in other parts of dockland have also been attacked.

One officer said: "This appears to be the work of a group with a grudge against wealthy young people moving into the district."

"If it gets out of hand then we could end up investigating a murder."

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# Animal activists blamed for fires

By Neil Darbyshire  
and Paul Stokes

ANIMAL rights extremists are thought to have been behind a wave of firebomb attacks yesterday.

Incendiaries were detonated at Harrods and Selfridges in London and a House of Fraser shop in Cardiff early yesterday, and police in Devon say a similar device may have started the fire which raged for six hours and wrecked Dingles department store in Plymouth.

A further unexploded incendiary was discovered at House of Fraser in Oxford Street, and parcel bombs were delivered to four addresses in Birmingham, London and Cambridge.

Animal "liberation" groups have carried out a number of store bombings in recent years in protest against the fur trade and live animal experiments.

A police source said the devices discovered yesterday were of a type used in previous bombings by the most active of these groups, the Animal Liberation Front.

An anonymous caller to the offices of the Manchester Evening News, claiming to represent the Front, said yesterday's explosions were part of the group's "ongoing economic war against the fur trade".

The parcel bombs, all of which were safely defused by bomb squads, were discovered at Rackhams, a House of Fraser store in Birmingham; the Sadler Print, Lye, West Midlands, which prints the magazine Fur Review; the Fur Review Publishing Company, in Upper Thames Street, City of London, where the magazine is prepared; and the home of Prof Ian Glynn, head of the Cambridge University physiological laboratory.

On at least two of the packages was written "ALF, telephone the police now".

Security checks were stepped up at stores yesterday in case further devices had been planted, and the police have asked postal workers and the public to be vigilant.

With the exception of Selfridges, all the stores involved are owned by House of Fraser.

The fires at Selfridges, in Oxford Street, and Harrods, in Knightsbridge, began soon after midnight. Incendiaries with timing devices had been pushed between the cushions of sofas. Damage was limited to small areas of the two stores, and trading was not interrupted.

At Howells, in Cardiff, which has been attacked by animal rights extremists three times before, the incendiary was concealed in the menswear department. Stock valued at £170,000 was destroyed.

## Two more 'fur protest' fire bombs defused

By Our Crime  
Correspondent

TWO fire bombs, believed to have been planted by animal rights extremists as part of a continuing protest against the fur trade, have been safely defused at department stores in Manchester and Liverpool.

They were discovered two days after people claiming to represent the Animal Liberation Front had admitted responsibility for laying similar devices at six stores in London, Plymouth, Cardiff and Birmingham, as well as three parcel bombs.

Police were alerted to the incendiary devices at Kendal Milne's in Deansgate, Manchester, and Lewis's in central Liverpool, late on Wednesday night after a call to the Liverpool Daily Post newspaper by someone claiming to represent an animal rights organisation. Both devices were made safe by bomb disposal experts.

Department stores have stepped up security checks after fire bombs were planted on Monday night and Tuesday at Harrods, Selfridges and House of Fraser in London, Rackhams in Birmingham, Howells in Cardiff and Dingles in Plymouth.

The Dingles' bomb virtually destroyed the store, causing millions of pounds' worth of damage.

Parcel bombs were also discovered on Tuesday at the London and Birmingham offices of the Fur Review Publishing Company, and the office of Prof Ian Glynn, head of the Cambridge University physiology laboratory.

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### NOVEMBER, 1988-HUMBERSIDE

The Unigate poultry farm at South Ferriby, near Scunthorpe, was raided and eleven chickens rescued. A few day's later the company's new processing plant in Scunthorpe received a hoax bomb call which resulted in all 400 workers being evacuated and production halted for several hours.

### NOVEMBER, 1988-KENT

Bromley High School had its windows and doors covered in glass etching fluid and slogans daubed on its walls because of its use of animals in dissection classes.

### 27th NOVEMBER, 1988-LONDON

Five estate agents were firebombed in Central London. One was completely destroyed. Claimed by Meibon Glyndwr. Revenge attack upon the agents who are selling homes in Welsh villages to rich.

### 27th NOVEMBER, 1988-MERSEYSIDE

Five large windows of the Drive-In McDonald's under construction in Edge Hill, Liverpool, were etched and the Lord St McDonald's received the same treatment again with damage of over £5,000.

### DECEMBER, 1988-NATIONWIDE

Incendiary devices were planted in department stores throughout the country. Unexploded devices were found and defused in House of Fraser, Oxford St, London, Rackhams in Birmingham, Lewis's in Liverpool, and at the offices of the London-based magazine, 'Fur Review'. In addition, a device was delivered to Saddlers Printers in Lye, near Wolverhampton, who publish 'Fur Review'. It was marked 'Do not open. Telephone the police' and caused the building to be evacuated.

One device left in the menswear section of Howel's store in Cardiff ignited setting off the sprinkler systems and causing £200,000 damage. The most damage was caused by a device planted in Plymouth's largest department store, Dingles. That store has no sprinklers, relying on smoke detectors to trigger an alarm. But by the time the firefighters had arrived the fire had taken hold and it burned for several hours completely wrecking the store. Damage is estimated at many millions.

An incendiary device was also sent through the post to the home of Prof Ian Glynn, head of the Department of Physiology at Cambridge University.

### 26th DECEMBER, 1988-LONDON

Conservative Club, Winchmore Hill (North London) set alight causing at least £10,000 damage to ground floor area.

### DECEMBER, 1988-SURREY

Rabbit hutches at East Grinstead's Queen Victoria Hospital were sprayed with ALF slogans.

### DECEMBER, 1988-LONDON

Butcher's window in Holborn smashed.

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Fifty-two hens rescued from a battery farm unit at Kearsley, near Bolton, by the ALF Northern A6 Group. The week before a fire had destroyed three empty sheds at the farm. Colin Hart, owner of the farm, has decided to quit the business he has run all his life.

21st DECEMBER, 1988-LONDON

Rubbish outside New Southgate (North London) Conservative Club set alight. Fire spreads through window frame and melts a gas pipe causing an explosion with hundreds of pounds worth of damage.

## Riot prisoners stage roof siege

By TONY BUSHEY

A DOZEN prisoners were staging a rooftop protest at a remand centre early this morning.

The inmates had earlier smashed through a wall at Risley, near Warrington, Cheshire.

Trouble began at 7.30 last night when 20 prisoners barricaded themselves in

A group of men then demolished a wall at the end of the corridor which led outside. The 12 climbed onto the roof, but the reason for their protest was not known.

Police ringed the centre in a bid to prevent any attempt to break out.

A Home Office spokesman said:

"There are 12 inmates on the roof. At the moment they are causing no damage and officers have managed to open a dialogue with them."

The centre, known as "grisly Risley", earned its nickname following complaints about prisoners' conditions and the number of inmates who committed suicide.

Last September three prisoners staged a five-night protest on a cell block roof.

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### Store attacked

A militant animal rights group claimed responsibility for a fire that wrecked a department store in Milton Keynes. An anonymous caller, claiming to represent the Animal Rights Militia, rang BBC Radio Bedfordshire saying his group attacked the Dickens and Jones store, causing millions of pounds of damage.

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5th JANUARY, 1989-LIVERPOOL

Police helicopter at Liverpool Airport was attacked with axes and petrol bombs.

18th JANUARY, 1989-LIVERPOOL

Police Station in Toxteth was petrol bombed. Little damage caused.

21st JANUARY, 1989-WARRINGTON

Twelve prisoners at Risley Remand Centre: riot and mount a day long protest over poor conditions.

## BOLTON EVENING NEWS

- ANIMAL STEAL

21.12.88

Animal liberation extremists stole 29 chickens from Kearsley Poultry farm.

Chickens taken from battery sheds at Harts farm in Church Road. Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility for theft in call to Manchester radio station.

# -Arsonists start blaze at second Tory club

A BOXING Day arsonist caused at least £10,000 worth of damage at a Conservative Club. The firebug put lighted bottles of petrol through a broken rear window to start the blaze in the bar room of the Green Lanes club.

The 3 am fire was put out by firemen before it could damage the constituency office of Southgate, MP Michael Portillo, which is on the first floor. On December 21 an arsonist caused a gas explosion at the New Southgate Conservative Club. Police investigating the fires say there is no evidence to link the two.

Detective Inspector David Crompton, investigating the Green Lanes fire, said: "There was extensive damage to the ground floor area, I would say at least £10,000 at a guess."

"I investigated the possibility of a link between the two fires. That was the first thing I did."

"There is no evidence of a link between the two. We are appealing for any witnesses who may have seen someone at the rear of the building to contact us."

Mr Portillo's constituency agent, Tony Dey, refused to talk about the arson. He said: "I do not

wish to comment. I cannot tell you anything about damage."

Police say they are still trying to establish a motive.

### Bomb scare

● A letter bomb alert was sparked off when police discovered a parcel with the address of the club printed on the package incorrectly.

The parcel was delivered on Christmas Eve but had not been opened because there was no-one at the club. After inspection the parcel was found to contain two diaries and had been sent by another Conservative club.

ENFIELD GAZETTE 4.1.89.

### OVERSEAS ACTIONS

We are aware of over fifty attacks against animal abuse establishments which occurred abroad. These attacks were carried out in Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Sweden, USA, Holland and Belgium. In West Germany we know that on 1st January, 1988 DM 100,000 damage was caused to slaughterhouse lorries belonging to the firm Hefter, at Troisdorf, near Bonn. On 10th/11th September, 1988 a further DM 100,000 damage was caused to machinery and tools at the premises of Prima Herberholtz, in Wuppertal, manufacturers of farm equipment.

#### Activists strike

Anti-apartheid activists in Holland yesterday severed petrol pump hoses at four Royal Dutch/Shell service stations in the southern town of Tilburg. A man, claiming responsibility for the attacks, said that the group sought to highlight the "arrogance" of Shell over South Africa's apartheid policy of racial segregation. — Reuter.

#### 17th APRIL, 1988-FRANCE

A riot at Ensisheim Prison, near Mulhouse in France and fire destroyed 75% of the buildings.

#### 27th JULY, 1988-WESTERN AUSTRALIA

300 hundred Aborigines riot in Geraldton after Police murder another of their kinsfolk. Aborigines smash windows, damage cars and fight with Cops.

#### SEPTEMBER, 1988-WEST GERMANY

Large scale riots against capitalism take place in West Berlin during September as the worlds' money brokers, the IMF, meet to discuss their plans to continue manipulating the economies of the Third World.

The following is a list of some of the direct action attacks which took place:

Monday, September 19th An IMF Director giving a speech in Hamburg was beaten up by 30 activists. A member of the SPD, who tried to help the IMF man was also attacked.  
Tuesday, September 20th There was a failed assassination attempt on the West German Financial Secretary of State Hans Tietmayer.  
Wednesday, September 21st 30 cars belonging to Siemens, a German multinational, go up in flames.

Thursday, September 22nd A bomb is defused in a supermarket in West Berlin; fire bombs are found underneath six police cars; a bank is hit by a gasoline bomb; a driver transporting delegates between hotel and conference centre is attacked.

Saturday, September 24th Forbidden 'Street Theatres' take place, resulting in 12 performers being arrested; in Hamburg 15 banks are attacked with a type of acid; in Berlin an attack on a computer co. providing communications for the IMF fails because the time detonator didn't work.

Sunday, September 25th The largest ever demo against the IMF, which attracted 80,000 people, took place in West Berlin.

Monday, September 26th 500 demonstrators break through police lines to attack bankers attending the opera; banks are paint sprayed and sex shops attacked; supermarket selling South African, Israeli and Chilean goods was set on fire.

Thursday, September 29th On the opening day of the IMF Conference-14 cars are set alight; 7000 people surrounded by riot police, march through Berlin. Music and speeches are stopped by cops and women are beaten up. As the police start the first of many baton charges bank windows are smashed.



La Calendario, players from Colombia, act out colonial exploitation of the Third World under a banner which says in German, "Cancel debts at once!" at a protest "Counter-Congress" held to coincide with the IMF and World Bank meeting in Berlin.

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# Mutineers put prison to the torch

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Andrew Spurrier in Paris

**T**HE 240 inmates of a prison at Ensisheim, near Mulhouse in eastern France, yesterday ended their 20-hour mutiny, freeing two hostages unharmed but leaving the prison in ruins.

The prisoners began lighting fires in the prison shortly after the start of their mutiny. Firemen, who were forced to fight the blaze from outside the prison walls, were unable to control the blaze, which destroyed 75 per cent of the prison. Only the administrative building was untouched by the fire.

In a telephone message to the French News Agency, AFP, the prisoners said that they were

protesting against the "inhuman living conditions" at the gaol. They also demanded that high security areas in French prisons be closed.

The Ensisheim mutiny is the latest in a series of disturbances at French prisons. On December 4, three prison officers were taken hostage by 22 prisoners in solitary confinement at a prison at nearby Besançon, while in July last year, riots broke out at three prisons in different parts of France during a heat-wave.

The Ensisheim prisoners, who emerged yesterday in small groups after their leaders had negotiated their surrender with representatives of the gendarmerie and the local prefect, were transferred to other prisons in eastern France.

The mutiny finally came to an end when the last of the mutineers handed over their two hostages, a nun in her 40s and a prison officer in his late 20s. The two emerged from the prison pale and tired after a night during which they were moved to different cells seven or eight times. They said they had been well-treated by the prisoners.

Ten prisoners were injured during the night, several seriously, despite assurances from the leaders of the mutiny that they had taken steps to prevent violence.

A fireman was slightly injured after being struck by a roof tile thrown by one of the prisoners, and a prison officer, caught up in the early stages of the mutiny, was also hurt.

The prisoners began starting fires in different parts of the prison early on Saturday evening after failing to take four prison officers as hostages.

Several prisoners climbed on to the roof of the prison during the evening, setting fire to their mattresses and throwing roof tiles.

The five prisoners, who presented themselves as the leaders of the mutiny, were transferred to Ensisheim after being involved in a previous mutiny last November at a prison at Saint Maur in central France. Some 400 prisoners were involved in the 15-hour mutiny there, during which 12 people were taken hostage, and buildings were sacked and burned. The prison governor was among the hostages.

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**W**EST Berlin police were yesterday counting the cost of five days of increasingly violent protests against the meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. There have been regular nightly clashes, damage to bank and shop windows, burnt-out cars and mass arrests.

Last night riot police used batons and shields against more than 5,000 demonstrators marching through the city streets as violence mounted on the final day of the gathering.

By nightfall, a crowd of mainly young people had gathered for a noisy but largely peaceful march. They walked with arms linked, chanting "IMF — Murderers' Convention" and seemed to be heading towards the city centre hotel where most of the congress's 15,000 delegates and visitors were staying.

Police reported at least 500 detentions, a dozen bomb threats, numerous injuries among both protesters and police, and extensive damage to parked cars, shop windows, and bank and hotel buildings since the protests began last Sunday.

With a noticeable daily rise in tension, and the intensity of the confrontations growing, masked supporters of anarchist groups set alight 14 private cars near the IMF conference hall in the early hours of yesterday morning following earlier skirmishes with police in the city centre.

At dusk every evening, police sirens have echoed through the city, as the green police vans headed for the various spots where small groups of demonstrators had gathered. Roads have been sealed off, angering ordinary drivers, and children, frightened by the noise of police

sirens and helicopters, have been seen crying.

Riot police, equipped with large protective shields, batons and helmets with visors, would immediately form a circle around the groups of demonstrators, who often managed to confuse police tactics by what they called "decentralised and imaginative protests." In one instance, foreign and German journalists were among those encircled in a police cordon for 30 minutes.

Almost 3,000 of the 10,000 officers on duty had been drafted from West Germany, and their lack of knowledge of the local geography added to the confusion. Following complaints that reporters had been hit by police batons, the city's official police spokesman, who had rushed to the scene to come to the aid of the journalists, was himself pushed about by eager young officers from Bavaria who even did not know his password.

West Berlin government officials said they were satisfied with the police operation, the biggest since the Berlin Wall was built in 1961. But many West Berliners and some press editorials asked yesterday whether such a major event should be staged here again.

The West German President, Mr Richard von Weizsaecker, called on conference participants to show some understanding for the young protesters who, he said, only wanted to draw attention to the problems of developing countries.

Meanwhile, a number of East Germans seized on the IMF meeting as a suitable time to try to escape to the West. During the last two days, four young men braved the border fortifications, two successfully.

Witnesses last night reported that the Communist authorities in East Berlin detained up to 50 young East Germans protesting against the IMF meeting.

**BUSINESS AS USUAL** has included details of actions such as food contamination and the sending of letter bombs. We do not however condone these tactics, because of the risk of harm to the general public and the possibility of injury to postal workers, should devices ignite before reaching their intended target.

The purpose of food contamination must surely be to cause economic sabotage to profiteering multinationals, and not to inflict personal suffering on innocent individuals. Thus, contamination need not involve the use of poisonous substances. So long as the food has been obviously spoiled (eg by the use of natural colourings) the desired effect has been achieved, and the risk of harm to others has been avoided.

## Dutch attack on Shell pumps

Router in The Hague

**ANTI-apartheid** activists damaged petrol station pumps in at least 20 Dutch towns yesterday in a pre-dawn protest against Royal Dutch Shell's refusal to pull out of South Africa.

A police spokesman said 20 towns had reported damage to at least 26 petrol stations.

The vandals cut petrol hoses, wrecked self-service pay machines and painted signs reading "Shell Blood" and "Shell Supports Apartheid".

A letter to a news agency in Amsterdam said the action was aimed at putting pressure on the company to withdraw its investments from South Africa.

Meanwhile, the former director of Rotterdam's Unity Chartering and Shipping Company yesterday became the first person sentenced for weapons dealing with South Africa since the imposition of an arms sales boycott in 1981.

A Rotterdam court gaoled Antonius Seldenrijck for four months and fined him 25,000 guilders for conspiring to ship cannon and howitzers.

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# // Welsh group suspected of fire-bomb attacks

By Nicholas Schoon

DETECTIVES from the anti-terrorist squad are investigating whether Welsh extremists carried out incendiary bomb attacks at the weekend on the offices of five estate agents in central London.

Last night no one had claimed responsibility for the bombs, which all went off within the space of an hour at offices in a two square mile area.

But suspicion fell on Meibion Glyndwr (Sons of Glendower), a small, clandestine group which has said it was behind a string of previous arson attacks on estate agents and other premises in England and Wales. They take their name from a fifteenth-century self-styled prince who led a rebellion against the English.

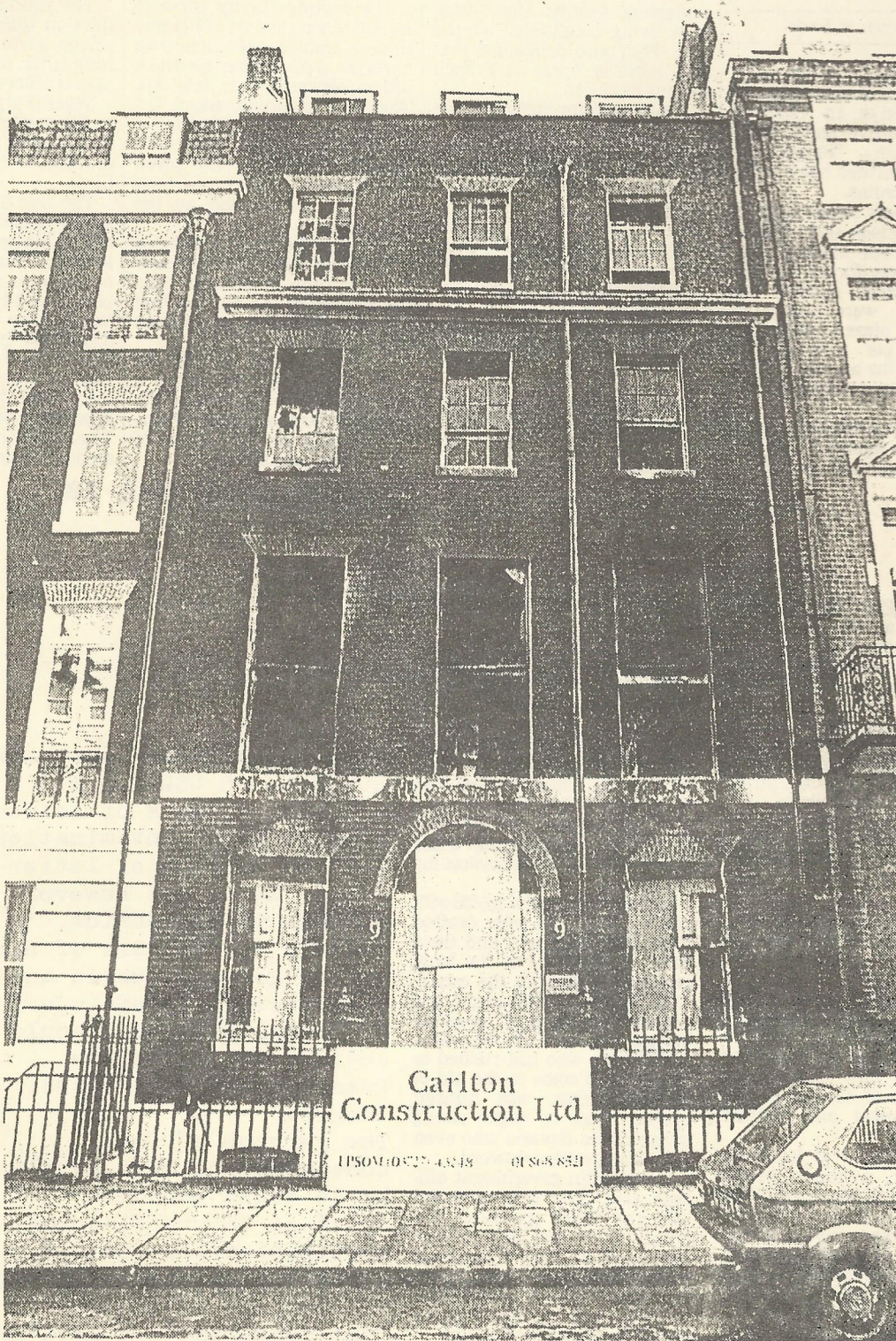
This year the extremists have targeted estate agents in English towns which have been selling houses in Wales as second homes to English people. They have not struck in London before, but some of the firms attacked sell larger properties in Wales.

The Metropolitan Police's anti-terrorist squad is liaising with North Wales Police and forensic scientists are examining the remains of the devices to see if they match those used in earlier bombings.

Four of the devices did only minor damage, but one caused a fire which burnt out an office of Strutt and Parker in Mayfair.

Since the arson campaign began in 1979, there have been more than 100 attacks in North Wales, as well as attacks on estate agents and building societies causing more than £1m of damage.

Last month the Sons of Glendower claimed responsibility for planting eight incendiary devices in Shropshire, Merseyside, Gloucestershire, Hereford and Worcester and Bristol. Four estate agents in Chester were attacked earlier in the year.



The Mayfair office of Strutt and Parker, estate agents, burnt out in an incendiary bomb attack.

Although reports included in B.A.U. refer to acts of damage, devastation and destruction, we do not suggest that these forms of attack are the only or most effective ways of fighting back. We also recognise and support other forms of action, such as strikes, occupations, leafletting and pickets.

We also support people in occupied countries, fighting back against the bastards occupying them, including the struggles of Irish people fighting to free their country from British control. We have not however included their actions here because there are so many and they're reported much better than we could do it, in An Phoblacht/Republican News and IRIS Magazine.

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